

ASSISTED LIVING WAIVER (ALW)

RESIDENTIAL CARE FACILITY FOR THE ELDERLY (RCFE)

ALW RCFE PROVIDER ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Be licensed by the California Department of Social Services, Community Care Licensing (CCL) Division.
- Be determined by the California Department of Health Care Services, Long-Term Care Division, to meet the qualities of a home and community-based setting as defined by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. These include, but are not limited to, providing a private room with microwave and refrigerator for each ALW participant.
- Be in “substantial compliance” with all regulations during the most recent CCL survey.
- Ensure a process is in place for soliciting and/or obtaining feedback regarding satisfaction with services from either residents or their legal representatives or residents’ family members.
- Have a quality assurance program in place that allows the tracking of:
 - Complaints from residents or their legal representatives and/or residents’ family members.
 - Incident reports, including abuse, neglect, fall injuries, and medication errors.
- Have contingency plans to deliver services in the event of a disaster or emergency.
- Employ awake on-site staff members 24 hours per day, seven days per week (awake, on-site staff requirement does not include 6 bed facilities).
- Provide a response system that enables waiver participants to summon assistance from personal care providers.
- Able to provide a private room with microwave and refrigerator for each client.
- Able to provide licensed nursing staff, as necessary, to meet the skilled nursing needs of the beneficiaries.
- Maintain individual records on ALW participants which must include, at a minimum, a signed service plan, current assessment, and regular progress notes describing the progress of the participant. These records must be available to the Department of Health Care Services upon request.
- Hold mandatory in-service training with documentation of staff attendance.
- Be able to care for cognitively impaired residents.
- Be able to meet the care needs of all participants and deliver all ALW services at all tiers of care.